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SUBJECT: CLOSING AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL LIVERPOOL

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT
WILL BE DELIVERED TO FCO AT 3:00 P.M. TODAY:

2. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO HER MAJESTY'S FOREIGN AND COMMON-
WEALTH OFFICE AND HAS THE HONOR TO ADVISE THAT FOR REA-
SONS OF ECONOMY AND AS A RESULT OF MANAGEMENT SURVEYS OF
UNITED STATES CONSULAR OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE AND MODERNIZE ITS OVERSEAS
FACILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANS TO CLOSE
SEVERAL CONSULAR POSTS DURING 1976. INCLUDED AMONG
THEM IS THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN LIVERPOOL.

2. "THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE
ABOUT FEBRUARY 28 ANNOUNCING THE CLOSURE OF THE CONSULATE
GENERAL IN LIVERPOOL AND OTHERS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE
DURING 1976. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY
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TO INFORM HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ABOUT CLOSING THE

CONSULAR OFFICE AT LIVERPOOL AND TO REPORT ANY PERTINENT VIEWS WHICH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO EXPRESS.

3. "THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LIVERPOOL IN NO WAY REFLECTS ANY CHANGE IN THE VERY CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED FOR SO MANY YEARS BETWEEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE PEOPLE OF THE LIVERPOOL CONSULAR DISTRICT.

4. "IT IS PLANNED THAT CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN LIVERPOOL WILL CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC EFFECTIVE UPON THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 29, 1976. AT THAT TIME THE LONDON CONSULAR DISTRICT WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF ENGLAND, WALES, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, AND THE ISLE OF MAN. THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN EDINBURGH AS OF THAT DATE WILL BE CHANGED TO CONSIST OF ALL OF THE COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND. THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN BELFAST WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

5. "IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

6. "A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT THAT WILL BE RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE PROVIDED TO HER MAJESTY'S FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE JUST AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

7. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO HER MAJESTY'S FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

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